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<u>A PERSONAL NOTE:</u> I hope everyone has a very happy holiday and prosperous New Year...I am trying to locate **Wayne Kozak**, 2406 Orchard Ter., Linden, NJ 07036. Letters and phone calls haven't had any response. I need to reach him.

<u>ULTIMATE LOG</u>: Flyer for the supplement is enclosed. Most of the new shows in circulation list the initial source. Other traders and dealers may have them by the time you get the supplement.

CONVENTION 1993: Special souvenir pens and convention booklets are still available. They are \$2 each.

CONVENTION 1994: Dates are October 20-22 at the Holiday Inn North. Our planning meeting is a Sunday to be chosen in January or February. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn. If you have any ideas or would like to come to the meeting, please let me know. Let me know whom you would like to receive the Allen Rockford Award. If you would like to do a workshop or panel or direct a re-creation, let me know soon.

Some people have suggested having the convention somewhere else. If you can come up with a place that does everything we do (3 days, 3 banquet meals, coffee and muffins all three days, hors d'oeuvres, near an airport, people you can count on, etc.) for a price comparable to what we have now, please let me know.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Tune In, September; articles on South African radio; The Art of Audio storytelling...On The Air, Sep – Oct; continuation of article on Vic and Sade...Nov – Dec; More on Vic and Sade...NARA News, Vol.XX1 No. 1, article on meaning of "kemo sabe;" Hawaii Calls...Nostalgia Digest, Oct - Nov, articles on The Goldbergs, early radio performers, Joseph Kearns, Vincent Price...The Illustrated Press, Sep; article on Bobby Benson and Clive Rice; the end of WNEW...The Times of Kate Smith, Summer; many articles and information about Kate Smith...The Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society Newsletter, Sep; many articles and information about Eddie Cantor...Oct; article by Janet Cantor Gari about her father's last appearance ... Nov; Janet Cantor Gari remembers her father... Airwaves, Vol. 4 # 2; interviews with Himan Brown, Ray Erlenborn, Bob Mott, Willard Waterman; article about soap operas...Radio Recall, Sep - Oct, article about Bobby Benson...Illustrated Press, Oct, article on War of the Worlds; reprint of article on Johnny Roventini...Nov, reprints of articles on Radio and the 1928 Presidential Convention; The Aldrich Family; article on using OTR in educational settings... Wavelengths, Vol 9 # 1; article on Himan Brown...Daily Sentinel, Nov – Dec; articles on Yuletide Radio, Arthur Godfrey...Old Time Radio Digest, Sep - Oct; article on Sherlock Holmes; "The Antique Radio Boys," a new book by Frank Bequaert; The Good, Bad and Ugly Radio shows by Bob Burnham...Old-time Radio Gazette, Vol. 2 No. 4, article on William Spier. . SPERDVAC Radiogram, Nov – Dec; article on Bob

Laugh is an excellent comedy magazine with much radio-related material. The cost is \$4 an issue. It is written by Peter Tatchell, 40 Bambra Rd., Caulfield, Victoria, Australia 3161. Peter has been researching classic radio and television shows from the U.S. and Britain for 20 years and has many logs of name performers which I hope will be made available. Seven issues of Laugh are available now. Each issue has logs and discographies. Peter is also looking for any recordings of W. C. Fields radio appearances. He wants to date the LP tracks for a future article in Laugh.

Radio Listener's Lyceum (RLL) is a Cincinnati area OTR club with an excellent newsletter called RLL On The Air. Each issue has articles at different times by Joel Senter, Bob Burnham, Jack Rothwell, George Wagner and Robert Newman, the President of the club. At this time, there is no charge for this bimonthly newsletter but Robert would welcome ads to help offset the cost. Full Page ads are \$20 (7 /12 by 10) down to business card size for \$7.50. For information write Robert Newman at 11509 Islandale Dr., Forest Park, OH 45240 (513) 825-3662.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: Boris Karloff, A Bio-Bibliography, written by Beverley Bare Buehrer is published by Greenwood Publishing Group, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881; 1993; \$49.95; 312 pages. This book presents a comprehensive record of the life and career of Boris Karloff including filmography, broadcast appearances, etc. You can order by calling 1-800-225-5800...My Life...Those

Wonderful Years by Durward Kirby, Tabby House Books, 4429 Shady Lane, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980; (813) 629-7646; 1992; \$18.95; an excellent book about Durward Kirby by Durward Kirby coving all aspects of this life...Frank Munn, a Bio-Discography of The Golden Voice of Radio; by Rodney Steiner and Thomas Belong; Sasco Associates, Box 335, Southport, CT 06490; (203) 255-4768; 1993; \$12.50; A book which covers the life of Frank Munn and every recording he made. Frank Munn only sang on the radio and recorded, never facing his audience. He only performed for the ear.

<u>CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS</u>: The Veterans Bedside Network invites you to join. Depending on the amount you spend, you will get certain discounts at hotels and car rentals. For information write VBN, 250 West 54th St., 9th Floor, New York, NY (212) 757-8657.

<u>LOGS</u>; Eddie Cantor log is now available from me for \$5.00. It was written by Peter Tatchell in Australia. It is sketchy from 1931 – 1935 and mostly complete from then on...Logs on Burns and Allen, Jimmy Durante and Bob Hope also will be available from me at \$5 each, also courtesy of Peter Tatchell. Peter Tatchell, 40 Bambra Rd, Caulfield, Victoria, Australia 3161 is selling The Al Jolson Career Guide for \$5 plus \$1 if you want it to go airmail. It contains a complete record of his carreer plus a complete radio log. Send Peter the money for the Al Jolson Guide and send me the money for the others...A log of The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet is available from Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. It starts from the third season. Write Tom for details.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: Mercury Nashville/Chronicles has a 2-CD/Cassette Deluxe Anthology: Hank Williams Health and Happiness Shows (originally syndicated in 1949). Eight of these shows are offered with booklet and photos. Contact Kim Fowler or Kira Bailey, Mercury Records, 66 Music Square West, Nashville, TN 37208 (615) 320-0110... Metricom is out with another catalog of its Adventures in Cassettes. It is #73. It has a variety of shows including two new dated Let's Pretend: 12/19/42 (Prince Gigi and The Magic Ring) and 10/26/46 (Jack and the Beanstalk). For information call 1-800-328-0108...Chuck Schaden (The Hall Closet) is out with a new catalog of a variety of cassettes. Address is Box 421, Morton Grove, IL 60053...Bob Burnham (BRC), Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151 has a new Christmas cassette supplement including Tom Corbett and Mercury Summer Theater.

NEW ADDRESSES: Charles Clark, 3 Webster St., Plymouth, NH 04364.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Randy Gray, 206 Missouri St., Nixa, MO 65714 is looking for as many Hank Williams Shows that are available. He has the 8-show package mentioned earlier...Ed Bielcik, 7 Woodland Ter., High Bridge, NJ 08829 is looking for The Story of The Shadow originally from Radiola Records and Shadow posters, cast, autographs and other related material...Greg Seltzer, RFD 2, Richmond, NH 03470 has a mint hardcover copy of Tune in Yesterday by John Dunning. Will accept a reasonable offer... Audrey Michaels 122 East 76th St. #C., New York, NY 10021 wants tapes of The Singing Lady starring Ireene Wicker...Karen Farley, 801 Spring Valley Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46231 is looking for the Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour with her grandmother, Rose Smith Familia, singing The Lady in Red. It was on between 1931 and 1937...Tom Connolly, 2 Chalet Dr., Methuen, MA 01844... Lawrence Nepodahl, 1230 Vienna Blvd., De Kalb, IL 60115 wants Ellery Queen "The Foul Tip," July, 1944. Lawrence is also looking for any Sherlock Holmes with Ben Wright...Morti Hirsch, Active Fire Sprinkler Corp., Bldg. 50, Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York 11205 wants This is Your FBI on tape...Veronica Richardson, 70 W 93 St., New York, NY 10025 is looking for a Lights Out about a woman who is unable to remove lipstick and earrings which were purchases in an alley shop which no longer exists...Brian Gari, Eddie Cantor's grandson, has unearthed a show that was never aired. On October 23. 1940, Cantor's program was preempted by a speech by Roosevelt. Instead of sending the audience home, Cantor performed in an improvisational manner for an hour. This show is available from Original Cast Records, Box 496, Georgetown, CT 06829 (\$13.93 on CD, \$9.95 on cassette)....Richard Kranich, 1070 Singer Dr., Riviera Beach, FL 33404 is looking for autographs of radio stars...Rex Riffle, 1 Kepner, Buckhannon, WV 26201 wants to trade for Jack Benny and Fred Allen. Also Rex would like any of Garrison Keillor's NPR shows...Ellen Robinson, 161 Dorwin Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205 wants a very good copy of The Cinnamon Bear...Ray Norman, 11 Glenwood Rd., Toms River, NJ 08753 would like any Langworth recordings...Dennis Hager, 3323 Redwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227...Jack Parks, 15345 King St., Belle Haven, VA 23306...Darwin Maurer, 315 Market St., Perkasie, PA 18944 wants any John Charles Thomas and Victor Young's Orchestra from the early 40's...Don Barker, 5520 Litchfield, Flint, MI 48532.

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Alan Florin, 15 Lawn Dr., East Hills, NY 11576...Michael Kadey, RR3 Delhi, Ontario, Canada N4B 2W6 wants Andrews Sisters, Blondie, My Friend Irma...Larry Peasley, 1535 Shady Glen Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050 is looking for any copies of the radio show, Blackhawk. .. East Stroudsburg University is looking to expand its collection of vintage radio programs recently donated by Robert Brunet. It is building the collection for research and to broadcast on the campus radio station. If you want to contribute contact Dr. Rob McKenzie, Assist. Prof., Speech Commun. Studies, Fine Arts Bldgs., East Stroudsburg Univ., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 (717) 424-3886...William Wishman, 12 Pine Ave., Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064... Justin Fields, 6 Mendum St., Roslindale, MA 02131... Joseph Andrlik, 1523 Mc-Culloch Ct., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406...Ron Rice, Eden Park H S, 22 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12209...Whit Vernon, 401 East 86th St. #19A, New York, NY 10028. Whit is a well known radio actor, still doing voice-overs and narrations, and has been to our conventions... John Stary, 464 Stageline Rd., Hudson, WI 54016...Jeff Edwards, 1929 Aztec Ct., West Linn, OR 97068.. James Post, 3288 Valley Highway 9, Deming, WA 98244...John Abreu, 1030 Dexter St., Central Falls, RI 02863...Mary Beth Moline, 3201 14th St. #105, St. Cloud, MN 56303 is interested in Lights Out and Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy. Also Mary Beth would like the Mery Griffin TV Show when he had many radio guests. Also She would like any information on Arch Oboler, his books, how he got started...Jim Freeman, 227 River Dr., Hadley, MA 01035...Reginald Farrar, 319 Euclid Ave. Loch Arbor, NJ 07711...Andy Jaysnovitch, 6 Dana Estates Dr., Parlin, NJ 08859...Chuck Juzek, 5431 West shore Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652... Kathy O'Connell, 4503 Chester Ave. 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19143...Bryan Rosenburg, 1338 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055...Herman Richman, 73 Walker Rd., Swampscott, MA 01907...Jim Stringham, 220 Denver Ave., Lansing, MI 48910...Don Stribling, Box 198 Loras College, Dubuque, IA 52001...Howard Shayer, 235 W 45th St. #9M, New York, NY 10036... Drew Thomas, A17 150 South Bridge St., Comerville, NJ 08876...Ron Tilton, 2363 Henry St., North Bellmore, NY 11710.

Ed Ginsburg, 3011 Kent Rd., Louisville, KY 40205 is looking for those who have elusive Jack Benny shows. He wants to collect all his shows. Send me or Ed a SASE for a list of shows he is looking for...Donald Moore, Box 8763, Kodiak, AK 99615...Robert Brown, 1224 Stone Rd., Rochester, NY 14616...Ed Olko, 50 Felicia St., Springfield, MA 01104...Vic Girard, 1230 Almar St., Concord, CA 94518...Don Brush, 11232 Rampart Lane, Port Richey, FL 34668. Don and I go back to 1970. Don's collecting goes back many years before that. He was one of the original collectors of OTR shows. Unfortunately, due to floods, he lost most of his collection. Don wants many of the shows that were lost such as: Jazz at the Philharmonic, Vol 8 – 10; X-1, The Iron Chancellor, a special recording made in New York in which Don played the organ; All Greatest Story Ever Told; Bobby Kaye with Bob Eberly from Lake Compounce, CT (Arnold Dean WTIC program); All Friar Club Roasts; Glenn Miller remotes 10/2/43; 10/9/43; 3/25/44; 12/27/41; A tape of the very first S. A.V. E convention in 1971 in New Haven...Diana Ver Nooy, 339 Grove St., Montclair, NJ 07042...Eugene Zylberberg, 677 Winchester St. #323, Newton Highlands, MA 02161...Conrad Golaski, 22 Winter St., Holbrook, MA 02343...Ward Cochran, Box 549, Arroyo Grande, CA 93421...Gerry Monaghan, 1921 E Main, Tupelo, MS 38801...Johnny Dawkins, 1072 S. Cloverdale Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90019 is looking for science fiction radio scripts and Bob Hope shows done abroad for the troops...Thomas Peyton, 13561 Sheridan Blvd., Broomfield, CO 80020.

OLD FRIENDS: Max Salathiel, 4712 Spiva Dr., Del City, OK 73115 wants info on Dick Martin, jazz D.J. who had Moonglow with Martin for many years on various stations around the country...John Barber, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 has the 2 pilot episodes of Conan, the Barbarian on cassette for \$7 postpaid. All profits will help the Old-time Radio Theater of New Orleans...Ron Cruger, 715 So. King St., Suite 325, Honolulu, HA 96813 wants tapes of I Love a Mystery...Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 will have a new selection of ET's for sale soon. If you are interested, please send him a SASE. Also their catalog of OTR shows is available for 98 cents in stamps...Mark Michaud, 101 Lockwood St., West Warwick, RI 02893 wants any printed article about the Great Gildersleeve...Bob Burnham, WCAR Radio, 32500 Park Ln., Garden City, MI 48135 has used reel tape, previously used as logger tape and in very good condition: Maxell 7" reel 3600', only one pass; Ampex 641 10 1/2" 3600' very few passes. Cost is \$2.00 each of best offer. All tape includes boxes...Jeff Muller wrote a very interesting article on OTR in Lever Standard, the magazine for all Lever Bros. employees. If you want a copy send me a SASE... A source of scripts is Larry Kiner, Box 82, Redmond, WA98072...Tom Miller, 2004 East 6th St., Superior, WI 54880 is looking for The 13th Juror and Mysteries of the Mind...E. D. "Buddy" Thompson, 6807 Pennywell Dr., Nashville, TN 37205 is looking for a show in which he plays clarinet in the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. Al that he knows is the it was on late 1948 to early 1949, it was an hour concert from the Old Ryman Auditorium in Nashville; it could have been NBC University Theater of the Air, Screen Directors Playhouse, NBC Little Theater, NBC Radio Institute, NBC Theater; it was on Saturday; soloist with the orchestra

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was Robert McDowell...My Brother, Joe Hickerson, 43 Philadelphia Estates, Takoma Park, MD 20912, is looking for a copy of FDR's D-Day address in June of 1944...Phil Evans, Box 10507, Stockdale Station, Bakersfield, CA 93389 still looking for information on Red Nichols especially songs played on the Ginny Simms Shows of 1945 - 46. Also Phil needs dates of shows Red Nichols played on the George Gobel Show from 1954 - 56.

IN FOND MEMORY: Helen O'Connell, Sep 9, 73; one of the best big band vocalists who continued to keep the art alive...Raymond Burr, Sep 12, 76; television and movie giant; on radio on Fort Laramie and Pat Novak For Hire...Cal Howard, Sep 10, 82; veteran comedy writer (Red Skelton, Abbott & Costello)...Fran Carlon, Oct 4, 80; radio, television, theater and film actress (Lorenzo Jones, Our Gal Sunday, Big Town). Fran was very active in AFTRA and attended many of our conventions since 1980...Edith Meiser, Sep 26, 95; stage actress, writer and radio producer (Helen Hayes, The New Penny and Sherlock Holmes). Our convention this year was dedicated to Fran Carlon and Edith Meiser... Vincent Price, Oct 25, 82; best known for his roles in horror films; on radio in many anthology series such as Escape, Suspense, Inner Sanctum; also starred on The Saint... Walter Brown Newman, Oct 14, 77; radio, TV and movie writer (Halls of Ivy, Suspense, Escape)...Hugh Douglas, Sep 1, 78; radio announcer (CBS Radio Workshop, Have Gun, Will Travel)...Charlotte Lawrence, Oct 20, 72; actress including radio (Lux Radio Theater, Suspense.)...Ken Englund, Aug 10, 79; radio, film and TV writer (Phil Baker)...Ruth Gilbert, Oct 12, 71; stage, radio and TV actress.

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1993

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 18th Annual Convention from October 21st – 23rd, 1993 at the Holiday Inn – North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: Ed Bryce, George Gould, Elaine Hyman, Florence James, Al Markim, Maxine Marx, Lucile Mason, Jan Merlin, Bob Mott, Carmel Quinn and Frankie Thomas. Other celebrities present were Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Barney Beck, Jackson Beck, Warren Bryan, Ward Byron, Lon Clark, Bob Dryden, Win Elliot, Ray Erlenborn, Lee Erwin, Harry Fleetwood, Fred Foy, Joe Franklin, Earl George, Gladys Holland, Raymond Edward Johnson, Ruth Last, Abby Lewis, Charlotte Manson, Bill Murtough, Charles Osgood, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Sy Shaffer, Margot Stevenson, Ezra Stone, Arthur Tracy, Sybil Trent, Frances von Bernhardi, Florence Williams, Betty Winkler and Bill Zuckert. The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 5 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday evening with complimentary wine and cheese for the overnight guests. About 40 people attended. Thursday, many dealers opened at 9 am. There were 3 afternoon workshops: BBC science fiction with Barry Hill, Penny Fabb and Tom Monroe; a tribute to Carlton E. Morse with Larry and John Gassman; A behind the scenes look at Arthur Godfrey with Lee Erwin, Bill Murtough, Ward Byron, Pat Reilly, Hank Esposito and others; then cocktails and dinner. Fifty-six fans attended during the day. One hundred forty-five fans and guests attended in the evening. An amusing sound effects workshop was held with Barney Beck, Terry Ross, Ray Erlenborn and Bob Mott with the help of Barney's son-in-law, Frank DeFranco. Gary Dennis

then entertained us with an hour of songs, including some Al Jolson impersonations.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Fifty-nine dealer tables were active during the convention. Two hundred sixty-one people attended dinner with another 104 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following. Jack French talked about radio heroes from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Jay Wild ran a quiz show. Ray Schnitzer led an all-star panel about private detectives. The Dave Warren Players presented "On a Country Road." Ward Byron and Carmel Quinn gave a talk on variety shows. Raymond Edward Johnson presented "The Cask of Amontillado." Harry Fleetwood, Phyllis Lynd and Charles Osgood talked about radio since 1960. Bob Mott and Jim Harmon then talked about their books. After dinner Ezra Stone, Fred Foy and Joe Franklin were inducted into the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame. The Boogie Woogie Girls and Company E entertained us with songs. Fred Foy and Earl George starred in "Doc Savage" and then "Sherlock Holmes" was re-created starring Frankie Thomas and Earl George

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: Mitchell Weisberg ran a quiz show; Gary Yoggy led an all-star panel on horror; Lee Munsick led an all-star panel on Arthur Godfrey with Mickey Gravine, Sy Shaffer, Will Jordan, Harold Lieberman, Carmel Quinn and others; "Tom Corbett" was re-created with the original cast including Frankie Thomas, Jan Merlin, Ed Bryce, Al Markim, Jackson Beck and George Gould; Maxine Marx, Lucile Mason, Frances von Bernhardi and Florence James then talked about their jobs as castings directors;

John Rayburn and Win Elliot then talked about sports and news.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 281 people with another 141 coming for the day. After dinner **The Dave Warren Players** presented excerpts from Allen's Alley and Amos 'n' Andy. "The Mysterious Traveler" was re-created with **Bill Zuckert**, **Lon Clark** and others. Awards were presented. The Convention ended with a fun-filled hour of Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts starring **Will Jordan** who entertained us with his comedy and impressions. Talent present re-creating their original performances were Mickey Gravine, Phyllis Lynd, Sy Shaffer and Eileen DiTullio.

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, they included 3 Allen Rockford Awards presented to Jack French and Larry & John Gassman for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. Special awards were given to Lon Clark and Adele Ronson. Both have attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. Donations were given to the Veteran's Bedside Network, The Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation, The Episcopal Actors Guild and The Billy Rose Collection of the New York Public Library.

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of

their time to be with us.

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